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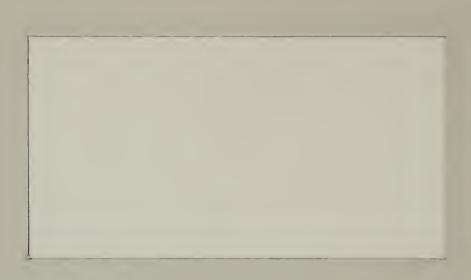
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December 1998

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

Enclosed is the report on the audit of Miles Community College for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 1998.

The audit was conducted by CHMS under a contract between the firm and our office. The comments and recommendations contained in this report represent the views of the firm and not necessarily the Legislative Auditor.

The agency's written response to the report recommendations is included in the back of the audit report.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Seacat Legislative Auditor

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MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

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MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA

APPOINTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education

Marc Racicot	Governor
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James Kaze	Chairman
Ed Jasmin	Regent
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Kim Cunningham	Student Regent

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Administration

Frank Williams President
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Dale E. Oberlander Academic and Student Services



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA

GENERAL

We performed a financial/compliance audit of Miles Community College for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1997 and 1998. The objectives of our audit were to: (1) determine if the financial statements of the college present fairly its financial position and results of operation for the fiscal years then ended; (2) determine if the college complied with applicable state and federal laws and regulations; (3) make recommendations for the improvement of management and internal controls: and (4) determine whether prior audit recommendations have been effectively implemented.

Thank you to the Miles Community College staff for their cooperation and assistance during the audit.

BACKGROUND

Miles Community College at Miles City, Montana was founded in 1939 under authority of legislation enacted by the Montana Legislature Assembly earlier that same year. For almost twenty years the college, then titled Custer County Junior College, operated out of a few rooms in the local public high school. In 1957 the college moved into the former Milwaukee RR Depot Building. The new building is located on the present campus sight.

A resolution passed by the joint College-High School Board in January, 1970, established an independent junior college district. On April 4, 1970, voters of the district elected the first independent Board of Trustees for the College. During academic year 1971-72 the college purchased a Vo-Tech building adjacent to the campus, and completed construction of a new Student Center.

In December 1971, Miles Community College was granted full accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. The fifth year review by the Northwest Association continued the full accreditation of the College and reaffirmed the quality of the program, thereby insuring the easy transfer of credits to other colleges.

A grant of 1.5 million dollars from the Montana Coal Board in 1977 enabled the College to construct a new vocation building and library-classroom addition.

Construction of a physical recreation complex was completed in November 1980. This facility includes a large gymnasium, four racquetball/handball courts, and an exercise deck with weight machines.

The college has access to a 46 unit co-ed dormitory which was ready for occupancy in the Fall of 1981.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

FINDING #1 - SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Due to the small size of the entity, there is an absence of segregation of duties appropriate for a strong system of internal control. The College has implemented compensating controls to the extent practical, and we are not recommending further action at this time. However, we believe the Trustees should be aware that the condition results in a greater risk of errors occurring and not being detected within a timely manner, than would be the case if duties were appropriately segregated.

Recommendation

No further action required at this time.

Response

This finding results from low staffing levels. The College is aware of the situation.

FINDING #2 - NON-BUDGETED FUNDS EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS

The college has a number of individual non-budgeted funds with deficit cash balances. According to Section 20-9-210, M.C.A., the expenditures for a non-budgeted fund is limited to the cash balance There is no definition for non-budgeted funds of community colleges in the Montana Code Annotated.

Recommendation

The college should request an attorney general opinion on whether this law is applicable to community colleges. If in fact this law does apply to community colleges, a request for a clear definition relating to non-budgeted funds for a community college should be made. For those funds defined as non-budgeted funds, expenditures should be limited to the amount of cash available.

Response

We will request our local County Attorney to reserach this matter and then to request a definition as to what consitutes a "non-budgeted fund" from the Attorney General's office. If, in fact, we do have non-budgeted funds we will make every effort to comply with this finding.

FINDING #3 - SALE OF PROPERTY

The resolution required by Section 20-6-604, M.C.A., relating to procedures required for the sale of property was not adhered to. A public notice was given, but an official resolution was never documented.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

FINDING #3 - SALE OF PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

Recommendation

The college should follow the requirements of Section 20-6-604, M.C.A., any time property is being sold. This requires that a notice be given of the resolution in the manner required by Section 20-20-204, M.C.A., and the resolution should contain a statement that the property is, or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the purpose of the college. The resolution does not become effective until 14 days after the notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation, during which time any taxpayer may appeal the resolution.

Response

We will comply with the requirements of Section 20-6-604, M.C.A. when any property is disposed of in the future.

FINDING #4 - NURSING STUDENT LOAN (NSL) PROGRAM DELINQUENCY

The college is no longer making loans under the NSL program. However, the delinquency rate for the NSL program is still in excess of the 5% allowed by Health and Human Services Guidelines.

Recommendation

We recommend that the college continue its collection efforts.

Response

We are continuing our collection efforts. Our current delinquency rate of 5.77% (10/31/98) represents \$5,585 of the \$96,677 amount loaned and 12 individuals of the total of 161 students who benefited from this program.

FINDING # 5 - ACCOUNTING FOR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

The College has a number of federal grants that are accounted for in separate funds. Many of these grants have a matching requirement, and not all of the matching expenditures are accounted for in within the same fund as the federal grant. In-kind matching requirements have not been recorded in the financial statements as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation

The College has met all of the matching requirements, however, for increased controls over the federal matching requirements. The college should record all in-kind matching amounts and record the expenditures used for matching in the same fund that the federal expenditures are recorded. Accounting for the federal grants and matching expenditures in the same fund will allow the federal financial reports to be reconciled more consistently to the general ledger.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

FINDING # 5 - ACCOUNTING FOR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS(CONTINUED)

Response

The College is taking steps to comply with this finding. We will be in compliance for the next audit.

FTE COUNTS

A major funding criterion for the College is the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students registered. FTEs are computed in accordance with guidelines published by the Commissioner of Higher Education. We reviewed the FTE counts reported by the College for fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for compliance with the published guidelines and accuracy. We found no exceptions for Miles Community College.

PRIOR YEARS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A summary of the recommendations from fiscal years June 30, 1995 and 1996 is as follows:

Finding	Status
Finding #1 - Segregation of Duties Finding #2 - NSL Program Finding #3 - Student Financial Aid Files Finding #4 - Political Activity Policy Finding #5 - Procurement Policy	N/A - See Finding #1 Not Implemented - Finding #2 Implemented Implemented Implemented
Finding #5 - Procurement Policy Finding #6 - Allowance for Delinquent Accounts	Implemente Implemente





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature

We have audited the financial statements of Miles Community College, Miles City, Montana, as of and for the years ended June 30, 1997 and 1998, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the College's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Miles Community College, Miles City, Montana, as of June 30, 1997 and 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows for its auxiliary funds for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 4, 1998, on our consideration of the College's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a wh The accompanying supplementary information on pages 23-26 is presented for purposes of additional analysis. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards is presented fo purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. This information is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

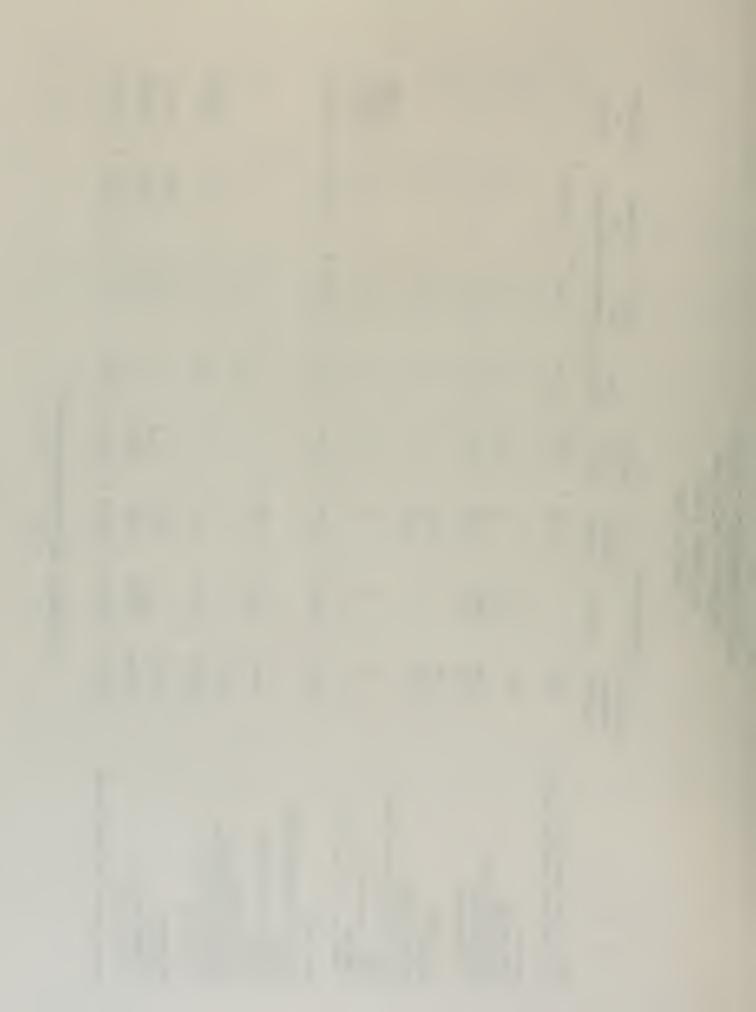
CHMS, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

September 4, 1998



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1997

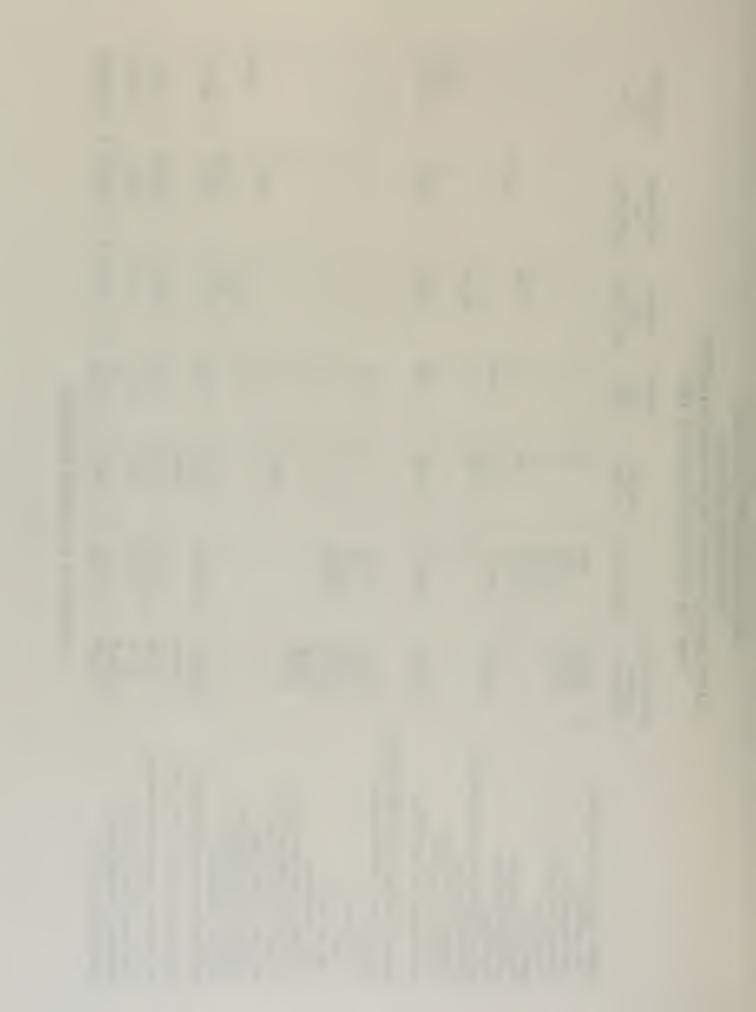
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MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

INVESTMENT IN PLANT	954,932 59,021	303,582	5,183,599
RETIREMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS	48,871	59,021	38,721
RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT	\$ 57,307 281,282 281,282	352,889	3,752
STUDENT LOAN FUNDS	1,889	4,802	86,017
AUXILIARY FUNDS	\$ 750 1,000 368,616 370,366	415,990	35,181
RESTRICTED	\$ 1,835 % 3,121 17,897 1,412,829 77,470 30,324 126,701 17,670,177 1,670,177	473,014 1,818 354,561 856,627 1,686,020	- 1
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL OPERATING	\$ 780,204 1,327,530 653,241 	1,248,071 36,874 299,760 794,178 442,345 168,236 246,391 3,235,855 (40,893)	35,179 (53,503) \$ (24,164)
	REVENUE AND OTHER ADDITIONS Tuition and Fees State Appropriations Institution Contributions Federal Grants State Grants Private Gifts and Grants Restricted Student Fees Other Income Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises Interim Note Proceeds Expended for Plant Facilities Retirement of Indebtedness Total Revenues and Other Additions	EXPENDITURES AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS Education and General Expenditures Instruction Public Service Academic Support Student Services Institutional Support Scholarships and Fellowships Operation and Maintenance of Plant Auxiliary Enterprise Expenses Retirement of Indebtedness Proceeds from Interim Financing Expended for Plant Facilities Interest on Indebtedness Total Expenditures and other Deductions Nonmandatory Transfers Between Funds	Fund Balance, Beginning of Year Prior Period Adjustment (Note J) Fund Balance, End of Year

See notes to the financial statements.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER CHANGES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	CURRENT		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Revenues			
Tuition and Fees	\$ 780,204	\$ 1,835	\$ 782,039
State Appropriations	1,327,530	3,121	1,330,651
Institution Contributions	653,241	17,897	671,138
Federal Grants and Contracts		1,412,829	1,412,829
State Grants and Contracts		77,470	77,470
Private Gifts, Grants, and Contracts	750	30,324	31,074
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises	368,616		368,616
Other Sources	510,933	126,701	637,634
Total Current Revenues	3,641,274	1,670,176	5,311,450
Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers			
Education and General:			
Instruction	1,248,071	473,014	1,721,085
Public Service	36,874	1,818	38,692
Academic Support	299,760	354,561	654,321
Student Services	794,178	856,627	1,650,805
Institutional Support	442,345		442,345
Scholarships and Fellowships	168,236		168,236
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	246,391		246,391
Total Educational and General Expenditures	3,235,856	1,686,020	4,921,876
Auxiliary Enterprises		,	
Expenditures	415,990		415,990
Total Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers	3,651,845	1,686,020	5,337,865
Prior Period Adjustment (Note J)	(53,503)		(53,503)
Net (Decrease) in Fund Balances	\$ (64,074)	\$(15,843)	\$(79,918)



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - AUXILIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

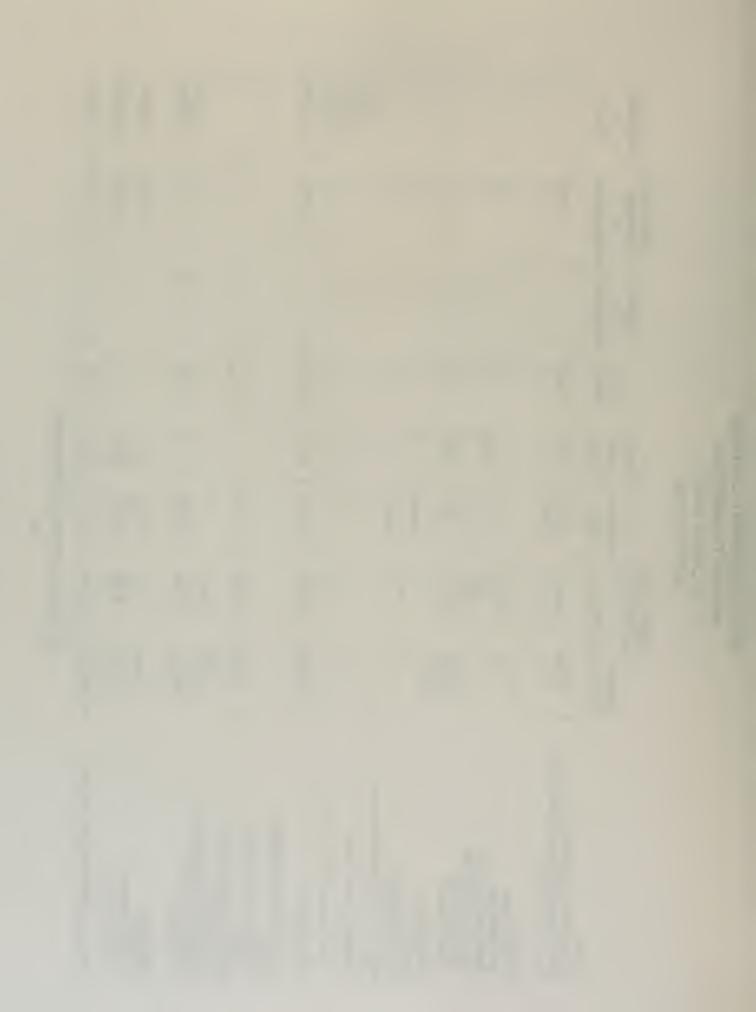
(Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$ (4,731)
Changes in assets and liabilities	
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable (Increase) Decrease in Inventory (Increase) Decrease in Assets Held For Sale Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable NET CASH (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	 (2,024) (4,130) (91,067) 3,789 (98,163)
Net (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(98,163)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	 22,778
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ (75,385)
Reconciliation fo the Balance Sheet Auxiliary Funds: Cash on Hand and in Bank Cash on Deposit with County Treasurer Total Cash	\$ 4,110 (79,495) (75,385)



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1998

NT INVESTMENT IN IN ESS PLANT	27,503		212,048 	\$ 7,227,995 \$ 1,179,910	27,503 6,048,085 27,503 6,048,085 27,503 8 7,227,995
PLANT FUNDS RETIREMENT OF OF INDEBTEDNESS	\$ 27			8 8	27 27 27 27
PLANT FUNDS RENEWAL RETIREMENT AND OF AND OF REPLACEMENT INDEBTEDNESS	 				
AGENCY	\$ 23,460			\$ 23,460	23.460
STUDENT LOAN FUNDS	€9	78,364		8 84,111	84,111
AUXILIARY	\$ 5,140 (68,099) 1,594	939	24,494	\$ 4,034 \$ 17,223 \$ 17,223	(13,189)
CURRENT FUNDS UNRESTRICTED	16,041	32,186 1,682 3,849 37,717	876	\$ 54,634	6,768
GENERAL OPERATING	\$ 6,375	78,462 13,822 92,284	11,067	\$ 204,831 \$ 83,746 143,134 227,756	(22,925) (22,925)
	ASSETS Cash on Hand and in Bank (Note C) Cash on Deposit with County Treasurer (Note C) Cash Reserve - FHA Loan	Receivables: Taxes Receivable Grant Receivable Student Loan Receivable Stafford Loans Receivable Accounts Receivable Total Receivables	Prepaid Expenses Inventories Due From Other Funds Assets Held For Sale Property, Plant and Equipment (Note D): Land Buildings and Improvements Equipment Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Liabilities Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities Due to Student Organizations Due to Other Funds Compensated Absences (Note F) Mortgage Payable (Note E) Total Liabilities	Fund Balance Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted Total Fund Balance

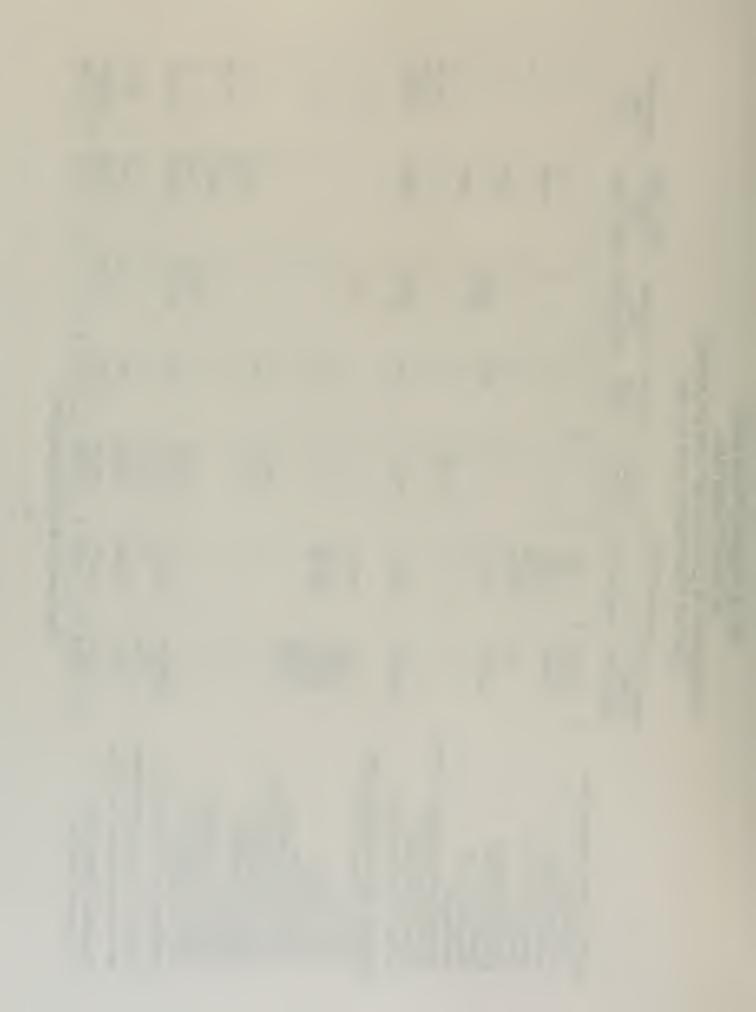
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MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	NRESTRICTED	CURRENT FUNDS		STUDENT	RENEWAL	PLANT FUNDS RETIREMENT	INVESTMENT
	GENERAL OPERATING	RESTRICTED	AUXILIARY FUNDS	LOAN	AND REPLACEMENT		PLANT
REVENUE AND OTHER ADDITIONS			6	e	€	6	€
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	500,153	57,361	!	1,568	90,482	!	1
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Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises	!	•	548,327		!	:	
	!!	!!					857,564
Total Revenue and Other Additions	3,070,801	1,498,759	548,327	1,568	529,200	846,946	1,465,923
EXPENSES AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS							!
Education and General Expenses	1.152.238	176.059	1	!	3.752	1	!
	35,087	1	•	•		-	1
	261,255	497,578	•	•	1	1	1
	766,714	846,889	•	!	•	1	1
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Scholarships and Fellowships Operation and Maintenance of Plant	300,712			! !	! !		
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Total Expenses and Other Deductions	3.058.934	1.520.526	601.966	561	518,350	844,499	1,311,808
Nonmandatory Transfers Between Funds	(10.628)	(77)	10.000		705	1	8 8
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	1,239	(21,844)	(43,639)	1,007	11,555	2,447	154,115
Find Balance Beginning of Year	(24,164)	28 612	30,450	83.104	(11,555)	25.056	5,893,970
	(22,925)	\$ 6.768	(13 189)	\$ 84 111	·	\$ 27.503	\$ 6,048,085
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See notes to the financial statements.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER CHANGES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	CURREN		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Revenues			
Tuition and Fees	\$ 643,710		646,385
State Appropriations	1,183,450		1,184,850
Institution Contributions	741,688		758,529
Federal Grants and Contracts		1,304,752	1,304,752
State Grants and Contracts		, 0,0,,	75,077
Private Gifts, Grants, and Contracts	1,800	•	42,453
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises	548,327		548,327
Other Sources	500,153		557,514
Total Current Revenues	3,619,128	1,498,759	5,117,887
Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers			
Education and General			
Instruction	1,152,238	·	1,328,297
Public Service	35,087		35,087
Academic Support	261,255	· ·	758,833
Student Services	766,714	· ·	1,613,603
Institutional Support	378,439		378,439
Scholarships and Fellowships	164,489		164,489
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	300,712		300,712
Total Educational and General Expenditures	3,058,934	1,520,526	4,579,460
Auxiliary Enterprises			
Expenditures	601,966		601,966
Total Expenditures and Mandatory Transfers	3,660,900	1,520,526	5,181,426
04 7 6 14112 40 1 41)	(000		(705)
Other Transfers and Additions/(Deductions)	(628) (77)	(705)
Net (Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$(42,400) \$ (21,844)	(64,244)



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

(Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$	(43,639)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable (Increase) Decrease in Inventory (Increase) Decrease in Assets Held For Sale Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	_	2,103 (1,158) 51,101 5,613 14,020
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		14,020
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		(75,385)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ _	(61,365)
Reconciliation to the Balance Sheet Auxiliary Funds:		
Cash on Hand and in Bank Cash on Deposit with County Treasurer Reserve for FHA Loan	\$	5,140 (68,099) 1,594
TOSCIVE TO THIN EDAN	\$	(61,365)



NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of Miles Community College, a Community College District (the College), is presented to assist in understanding the College's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the College's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity.

Reporting Entity

Miles Community College is a community college district which has received full accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

The College, for financial purposes, includes all funds, account groups, organizations and boards for which the College is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a majority of the governing body, and by the imposition of will or the potential for financial benefit or burden.

Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared following the standards of accounting and reporting as described by National College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). In accordance with GASB No. 15, "Governmental College and University Accounting and Reporting Models", the University has adopted the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) "College Guide Model" for presentation of its financial statements.

The statement of current fund revenues, expenditures, and other changes is a statement of financial activities of current funds related to the current reporting period and does not purport to present the results of operations or the net income or loss for the period.

Unrestricted Fund Balance - Fund Balance not subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Temporarily Restricted Fund Balance - Fund Balance subject to donor-imposed conditions that are to be met by the College's actions and/or by the passage of time. The beginning Fund Balance includes the restricted current fund and student loan ending fund balances, as reported in prior financial statements.

Permanently Restricted Fund Balance - Fund Balance subject to donor-imposed conditions requiring the Fund Balance to be maintained permanently by the College. In general, the donors of these types of assets permit the College to use all or part of the income earned on the related investments for general or specific purposes. The College had no permanently restricted net assets as of June 30, 1997 and 1998.

Fund Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the College are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities.



NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The accounts of the College are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting wherein resources are classified for accounting purposes into funds that are identified by the limitations and restrictions upon their use. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, accounts with common characteristics are combined into fund groups and reflected as such in the accompanying financial statements. The common characteristics of the funds contained in the various fund groups are as follows:

Current Funds

Current funds include unrestricted funds allocated to specific purposes by action of the Board of Trustees and funds restricted by outside sources. Externally restricted funds may be utilized only in accordance with the purposes established by the source of such funds. Current unrestricted funds include general operating, designated and auxiliary services. Other funds used are the loan fund for student loans, the plant funds for recording investment in College property, and the agency fund for recording assets held by the College as custodian or fiscal agent for others.

Auxiliary Funds

Auxiliary Funds are unrestricted funds used to account for operations (a) which are financed and separated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The funds included in this classification are the Bookstore, the Cafeteria, the Centra, the Big Sky Dorm and the Building Technology Program.

Student Loan Funds

The resources from this group of funds are available to students to aid in financing their education. Funds for the loans are provided by private and college sources with the majority of the funds being provided by the federal government.

Plant Funds

These funds are separated into three self-balancing subgroups:

Renewal and Replacement - utilized for maintenance of institutional assets.

Retirement of Indebtedness - utilized for debt servicing and retirement of indebtedness.

Investment in Plant - denotes the cost on long-term institutional assets and related liabilities and equity.

Inventories

Inventories consist mainly of bookstore supplies and are valued at cost on the first-in, first-out method.



NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets Held For Sale

Assets held for sale consist of the houses being built for resale by the building technology program. The assets are booked in the amount of the expenses incurred to construct the house.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The College considers all investments to be highly liquid, and, therefore, cash equivalents.

Investments

Substantially all cash of the College is administered through the Custer County Treasurer's office. The college entered into an agreement with Custer County to have cash on deposit invested by the County Treasurer. Under the agreement, the cash and investment pool may include cash and cash items; demand, time, savings and fiscal agent deposits; investments in the State Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP); obligations of the United States Government and securities issued by agencies of the United States Government; repurchase agreements, and registered warrants.

The STIP portfolio includes asset-backed securities, banker's acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, corporate and government securities, repurchase agreements and variable-rate instruments. The STIP unit value is fixed at \$1.00. STIP investments are in Risk Category 1 which includes investments that are insured or registered, securities held by the State or its agent in the State's name. The cost and market value of the investments at June 30, 1997 and 1998 were approximately equal.

The College's agreement with the County requires the County to make the distributions of interest income to Miles Community College monthly, based on the end of the month cash balances of the college. The College is required to pay an administrative fee to the County in the amount of three percent of the interest income received.

Plant and Equipment

Public domain general fixed assets ("infrastructure") consisting of roads, parking lots, curbs, and gutters, sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems are not capitalized, as these assets are immovable and of value only to the government.

All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Assets in the plant fund are not depreciated.

Income Tax Status

The College is recognized as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") whereby only unrelated business income, as defined by Section 512(a)(1) of the Code, is subject to Federal income tax.



NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Donated Services

The value of donated services are not recognized, since the types of services rendered do not create or enhance the College's non-financial assets, nor do they require specialized skills.

NOTE B - LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS

All property taxes are collected by the Treasurer of Custer County, Montana. Property tax revenue is recognized when it is received. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1st and are levied on the 2nd Monday in August. They are due in two equal installments on November 30th, and May 31st, following the levy date.

The tax levies for the College for the year ended June 30,1997 were as follows:

	Number	Value of	
	of Mills	One Mill	Value
Mandatory County Levy	38.35	\$ 16,587	\$ 636,111
Adult Education Levy	1.00	16,587	16,587
Total	39.35		\$ 652,698

The breakdown of tax levies for the year ended June 30, 1998 were as follows:

	Number of Mills	Value of One Mill	Value
Mandatory County Levy	39.38	\$ 16,650	\$ 655,677
Voted County Levy	5.00	16,650	83,250
Adult Education Levy	1.00	16,650	16,650
Total	45.38		\$ 755,577

NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Investments are held by the Custer County Treasurer. The Board of Trustees may invest money of the College in Obligations of the United States Government, saving or time deposits in a state or national bank, building or loan association, saving and loan association, credit unions insured by the FDIC, FSLIC, or NCUA located in the state, a repurchase agreement, or under the state unified investment program.

Cash and Investments as of June 30, 1997:

Cash on Hand	Book Value \$ 8,010	Bank Value \$	
Cash in Bank	2,472		
	\$ 10,482	\$ 2,472	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain(Loss)
Invested in County Investment Pool	\$ 14,117	\$ 11,259	\$ (2,858)



NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Cash and Investments as of June 30, 1998:

	Book Value	Bank Value	
Cash on Hand	\$ 11,515	\$	
Cash in Bank	4,124	4,124	
Reserve for FHA Loan	1,594	1,594	
	\$ 17,233	\$ 5,718	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain(Loss)
Invested in County Investment Pool	\$ 95,633	\$ 94,781	\$ (852)

The Custer County Commissioners require 50% security on money held by the Custer County Treasurer. The County government is considered to have \$100,000 FDIC insurance for demand deposits in each bank, and \$100,000 FDIC insurance for time and savings deposits in each bank. This includes Miles Community College, since the College's cash and investments are in the County's name.

NOTE D - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of the changes in Property, Plant, and Equipment as of June 30, 1997 is as follows:

	Balance 6/30/96	Current Additions	Current Deletions	Balance 6/30/97
Land	\$ 204,298	\$ 8,750	\$ 1,000	\$ 212,048
Buildings	3,859,619	447,441		4,307,060
Equipment	1,252,365	499,741		1,752,106
Library Inventory	348,422			348,422
	\$ 5,664,704	\$ 955,932	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,619,636

A summary of the changes in Property, Plant, and Equipment as of June 30, 1998 is as follows:

	Balance 6/30/97	Current Additions	Current Deletions	Balance 6/30/98
Land	\$ 212,048	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 212,048
Buildings	4,307,060	463,713		4,770,773
Equipment	1,752,106	186,767	42,121	1,896,752
Library inventory	348,422			348,422
	\$ 6,619,636	\$ 650,480	\$ 42,121	\$ 7,227,995



NOTE E - MORTGAGES PAYABLE

Mortgages payable consists of a mortgage payable to Miles Community College Endowment and a mortgage payable to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Changes in mortgages

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5		Balance 6-30-96		Debt Issued		Principal Payment		Balance 6-30-97
Miles Community College								
Endowment	\$	362,505	\$		\$	53,221	\$	309,284
MidRivers Telephone Company				22,300				22,300
First Bank - Interim				281,282				281,282
Department of Housing and		110 600				E 000		112,800
Urban Development		118,600		222.522	•	5,800	•	
	\$	481,105	\$	303,582	\$	59,021	\$	725,666
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Changes in mortgages payable duri	ing	Balance	IOIIC	ows. Debt		Principal		Balance
		6-30-97		Issued		Payment		6-30-98
Miles Community College								
Endowment	\$	309,284	\$		\$	35,160	\$	274,124
MidRivers Telephone Company		22,300				10,696		11,604
Stockman Bank				400,000		6,600		393,400
First Bank - Interim		281,282		511,808		793,090		
USDA Rural Development				400,000		6,018		393,982
Department of Housing and								
Urban Development		112,800				6,000		106,800
	\$	725,666	\$	1,311,808	\$	857,564	\$	1,179,910

The mortgage payable to the Department of Housing and Urban Development was in the original amount of \$205,541 and will be paid off on July 1, 2012. This mortgage is payable in semi-annual installments on January 1st and July 1st of each year. Interest is payable at 3% per annum. There is no security for this loan.

The mortgage payable to Miles Community College Endowment was in the original amount of \$458,299. There is no interest payable on this note. This note is being repaid from 1/3 of the student building fees collected, until such time as the deficit in the Building Repayment Fund has been eliminated. Once the deficit has been eliminated, the entire amount of the student building fees will be paid to Miles Community College Endowment.

The note payable to MidRivers Telephone Cooperative was in the original amount of \$34,891. This note bears interest at 8.5% per annum, and will be paid off on November 1, 1998. Annual payments on this note of \$12,591 are due on November 1 each year.

The note payable to First Bank Montana was advanced in two payments totaling \$640,784. This note was for interim financing for the construction of the new dorm. The note bears interest at 9.5% per annum, and was paid off when the permanent financing was secured.

The mortgage payable to Stockman Bank of Montana was in the original amount of \$400,000. This mortgage is payable in monthly installments of \$3,387 on the 23rd day of each month. This mortgage bears interest at a variable rate, not less than 7.16% per annum nor more than 11.16% per annum. The interest rate as of June 30, 1998 was 8.16% per annum. This mortgage is secured by two tracts of land. Final payment on this mortgage is due on September 23, 2017.



NOTE E - MORTGAGES PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

The mortgage payable to the USDA Rural Development was in the original amount of \$400,000. This mortgage is payable in semi-annual installments of \$15,936 due on March 23rd and September 23rd of each year. This mortgage bears interest at 5.0% per annum. Final payment on this note is due on September 23, 2017.

Mortgages payable maturities are as follows:

Year	Principal
1999	\$ 68,192
2000	58,857
2001	61,160
2002	63,512
2003	65,900
2004-2012	862,289
Total	\$ 1,179,910

NOTE F - COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE

Compensated absences payable, which represent vacation and sick leave earned by employees that is payable upon termination, were as follows:

June 30, 1997:

		6-30-96	(Decrease)	6-30-97
Vacation and Sick Leave	\$	158,180	\$ (17,855)	\$ 140,325
June 30, 1998:				
		Balance 6-30-97	Increase	Balance 6-30-98
Vacation and Sick Leave	\$	140,325	\$ 2,809	\$ 143,134
Restricted Vacation and Sick Leave	е		20,500	20,500
Total	\$	140,325	\$ 23,309	\$ 163,634

NOTE G - RETIREMENT PLANS

The College participated in two, multiple employer, cost-sharing retirement plans which cover all employees, except some substitute and part-time, non-teaching employees. The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) covers certified teaching employees, including the president and deans of the college, and the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) covers non-teaching employees. The plans are established by State law and are administered by the Department of Administration of the State of Montana. The plans provide retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

Both plans issue publicly available annual reports that include financial statements and required supplemental information for the plans. The reports for the Teachers' Retirement System can be obtained at P.O. Box 200139, 1500 Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0139. The reports for the Public Employees Retirement System can be obtained at P.O. Box 200131, 1712 Ninth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-131.



NOTE G - RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Contribution rates, expressed as a percentage of covered payroll, which are determined by State law and were as follows:

	Employer	Employee	Total
TRS	7.47%	7.044%	14.514%
PERS	6.70%	6.80%	13.50%

The amounts contributed by both the employees and the College for the prior three years ended June 30, were as follows:

	1998	1997	1996
TRS	\$ 165,729	\$ 193,258	\$ 178,066
PERS	77,029	75,166	67,426
Total	\$ 242,758	\$ 268,424	\$ 245,492

NOTE H - CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Montana Supreme Court ruled in Rippey that community college faculty are state employees for purposes of entitlement to payment for accumulated sick leave. Pursuant to this decision, Miles Community College made a payoff of sick leave accumulated since 1971 to President Flower in 1995. Other employees at the College may also be eligible for this sick leave payoff in excess of their sick leave accrual. This payment is estimated by College management to be \$34,967. This amount has not been accrued on the balance sheet.

A bodily injury claim has been made to the College's insurance company, and no amount of damages has been declared. There has been no civil action taken on this claim as of the date of our report. In any event, management does not anticipate that any settlement on this claim would exceed the limits of the College's insurance coverage.

NOTE I - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College signed a note payable to Miles Community College Endowment corporation, as described in Note E. Miles Community College Endowment Corporation is a separate corporation formed to promote Miles Community College.

A building owned by the college is subject to a lien. The party that donated the building is making the payment that will end in 2005.

NOTE J - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The prior period adjustment is to correct the balance in Taxes Receivable and to set up an allowance for uncollectible taxes.







MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

SCHEDULE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID MODIFIED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	PELL	PERKINS	CWS	SEOG
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 273	\$ 2,181	\$ 18	\$
Additions:				
Federal Advances	663,794		22,607	27,741
State Matching Funds			9,066	9,247
Interest Collected		1,025		
Interest Investments		85		
Principal Collected		11,003		
Total Additions	663,794	12,113	31,673	36,988
Deductions:				
Distribution to Students	663,794	10,500	29,733	36,988
Administrative Expenses		3,885		
Total Deductions	663,794	14,385	29,733	36,988
Net Change in Cash		(2,272)	1,940	
Ending Cash Balance	\$273_	\$ (91)	\$1,958_	\$



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

SCHEDULE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID MODIFIED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Beginning Cash Balance	PELL \$ 273	PERKINS (91)	CWS \$ 1,958	SEOG \$
Additions: Federal Advances	693,358		40,373	27,772
State Matching Funds Institution Matching Funds			 7,143	9,257 171
Interest Collected Interest Investments		1,043 73		
Principal Collected		7,883	/APPAR AL . //	
Total Additions	693,358	8,999	47,516	37,200
Deductions: Distribution to Students	695,974	7,250	51,024	37,200
Administrative Expenses				
Total Deductions	695,974	7,250	51,024	37,200
Net Change in Cash	(2,616)	1,749	(3,508)	
Ending Cash Balance	\$ (2,343)	\$ 1,658	\$ (1,550)	\$



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

		1998		
Perkins Loan Program Student Loan Advances	\$	10,500	\$	7,250
Administrative Cost	•	3,885	•	
	\$	14,385	\$	7,250
College Work Study				
Wages	\$	29,733	\$	51,024
Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant Program				
Student Grants	\$	36,988	\$	37,200
Pell Grant Program				
Student Grants	\$	663,794	\$	695,974



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

SCHEDULE OF ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

SEMESTER	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT				
Summer Semester 1996	53.6				
Fall Semester 1996	514.8				
Spring Semester 1997	505.7				
Summer Semester 1997	44.5				
Fall Semester 1997	522.8				
Spring Semester 1998	484.5				



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Ending Balance 06/30/97	\$ 1,453	1,453	1111		1	1	I	•	I	0	1	1		1	\$ 1,453
Expended	\$ 36,988 59,659 663,794 760,441	456,626	32,503 10,649 63,936 107,088	4,943	11,626	56,021	118,876	5,581	51,345	3,102	38,500	1,000	000		\$ 1,641,832
Local	17,898	17,898			:	17,205	009'6		i ;	*	!	!			\$ 44,703
State Match	\$ 9,247 20,607	131,799			9,738	8,750	1	1,646	1	:		8 8			\$ 181,787
Federal	\$ 27.741 22.607 663.794	324,827	32,503 10,649 63,936	4,943	1,888	30,066	109,276	3,935	51,345	136	38,500	!		- 1	\$ 1,412,829
Beginning Balance 07/01/96				i	***	9	l			2,966	!	1,000			\$ 3,966
Program Award	\$ 22,741 22,607 663,794 714,142	324,827	34,235 11,015 63,936	56,199	6,536	30,066	120,200	4,456	51,410	24,500	38,583	1,000	6		\$ 1,507,788
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Pass-Through Grantor's Number	P007A42421 P033A42421 P063P43851	MT706-A16	97SP006 97GE003 MCLA:96-97	P183A60110	SSIGA97	97-56-5803-120	97-012-28	97-53-5803-237	97023(A)	5192W	97023(A)	05-3759-6		340P063/15	
Federal CFDA Number	84.007 84.033 84.063	10.855	84.048 84.048 84.048	84.116	84.069	84.002	93.561	93.558	17.246	17.700	17.250	45.007	6	72.002	ROGRAMS
Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	MAJOR PROGRAMS: U.S. Department of Education Direct Programs: Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program College Work Study Pell Grant Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture Direct Programs: Distance Learning Grant Total Major Programs	NON-MAJOR PROGRAMS: U.S. Department of Education Passed-Through Office of the Commsioner of Higher Education: Self Esteem Computer Literacy Carl D. Perkins Vocational Act	Direct Programs: Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education	Pass-Through Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program: State Student Incentive Grant Program	Passed-Through Montana Office of Public Instruction: Adult Basic Education	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Passed-Through Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services: Jobs	Jobs - ABE	U.S. Department of Labor Pass-Through Department of Labor and Industry: BOS IIA Displaced Homemaker	Nontraditional Training for Women Act	Title IIA Adult 5% Incentive	Pass-Through Montana Arts Council: Promotion of the Arts	Corporation for National and Community Service Direct Programs:	Refired Senior Volunteer Program	TOTAL FOR ALL FEDERAL AWARDS PROGRAMS



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILES CITY, MONTANA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

Ending Balance 06/30/98	111			1	1	1		1 1 1 1	
Expended	\$ 37,200 82,206 692,683 812,089	800,000	31,015 500 118,258 149,773	14,463	10,150	55,607	175,865	65,706 58,692 28,246 86,938	27,516
Local Match	\$ 171 18,380	80,000		444	66	16,010		14,123	\$ 129,227
State Match	\$ 9,257 22,000	31,257		:	7,123	8,750			\$ 47,130
Federal	\$ 27,772 40,373 692,683 760 828	720,000	31,015 500 118,258 149,773	14,019	2,928	30,847	175,865	65,706 58,692 14,123 72,815	27,516
Beginning Balance 07/01/97	1,453	1,453		0	i	1			1,453
Program	\$ 27,772 \$ 40,373 692,683	720,000	34,860 500 118,258 153,618	56,199	10,150	30,847	197,900	68,449 60,558 14,123 74,681	\$ 2,104,644
Pass-Through Grantor's Number	P007A72421 P033A72421 P063P73851	31-017-816000208	98SP001 98-GE008 MCLA:97-98	P183A60110	SSIGA97	98-56-5803-120	98-012-28007-0 98-53-5803-237	97023(A) 97023(A) 98-80-5803-DS26	340P063/16
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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature

We have audited the financial statements of Miles Community College as of and for the years ended June 30, 1997 and 1998 and have issued our report thereon dated September 4, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Miles Community College's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of Miles Commuity College in the accompanying schedule of findings on pages 33-35.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Miles Community College's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Miles Community College's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings on pages 33-35.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material



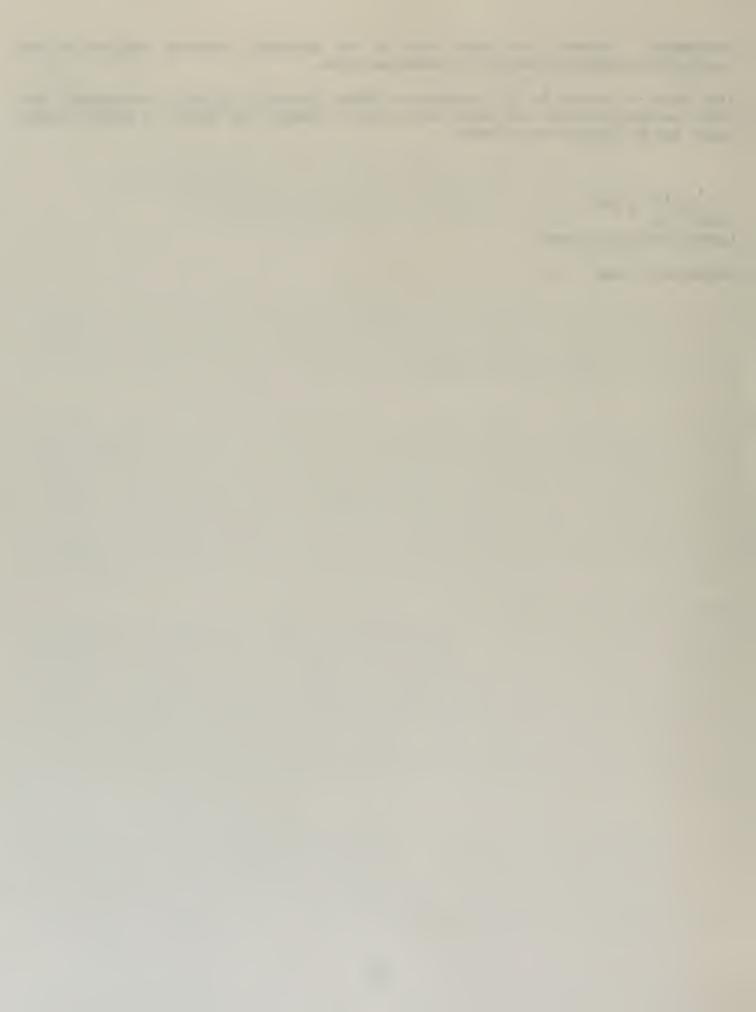
weaknesses. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described in the accompanying schedule of findings is a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of Miles Community College's management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

CHMS P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

September 4, 1998





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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature

Compliance

We have audited compliance of Miles Community College with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the years ended June 30, 1997 and 1998. Miles Community College's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Miles Community College's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Miles Community College's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance the generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Miles Community College's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Miles Community College's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Miles Community College complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the years ended June 30, 1997 and 1998. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings on pages 33-35.



Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Miles Community College is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Miles Community College's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Miles Community College's ability to administer a major federal program in accordance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings on pages 33-35.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely manner by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that none of the reportable conditions described in the accompanying schedule of findings is a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of Miles Community College's management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

CHMS, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

September 4, 1998



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements			
Type of auditor's report issued:			
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness identified?			
Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses?			
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?			
Federal Awards			
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness identified?			
Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses?			
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified			
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?			
Identification of major programs:			
CFDA Number	Award Year	Name of Federal Program	
N/A	96-97 & 97-98	Student Financial Assistance Programs Cluster	
10.766 10.855	97-98 96-97	Community Facilities Loans Distance Learning Grant	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:			



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FINDING #1 - SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Due to the small size of the entity, there is an absence of segregation of duties appropriate for a strong system of internal control. The College has implemented compensating controls to the extent practical, and we are not recommending further action at this time. However, we believe the Trustees should be aware that the condition results in a greater risk of errors occurring and not being detected within a timely manner, than would be the case if duties were appropriately segregated.

Recommendation

No further action required at this time.

FINDING #2 - NON-BUDGETED FUNDS EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS

The college has a number of individual non-budgeted funds with deficit cash balances. According to Section 20-9-210, M.C.A., the expenditures for a non-budgeted fund is limited to the cash balance. There is no definition for non-budgeted funds of community colleges in the Montana Code Annotated.

Recommendation

The college should request an attorney general opinion on whether this law is applicable to community colleges. If in fact this law does apply to community colleges, a request for a clear definition relating to non-budgeted funds for a community college should be made. For those funds defined as non-budgeted funds, expenditures should be limited to the amount of cash available.

FINDING #3 - SALE OF PROPERTY

The resolution required by Section 20-6-604, M.C.A., relating to procedures required for the sale of property was not adhered to. A public notice was given, but an official resolution was never documented.

Recommendation

The college should follow the requirements of Section 20-6-604, M.C.A., any time property is being sold. This requires that a notice be given of the resolution in the manner required by Section 20-20-204, M.C.A., and the resolution should contain a statement that the property is, or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the purpose of the college. The resolution does not become effective until 14 days after the notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation, during which time any taxpayer may appeal the resolution.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997 AND 1998

PRIOR YEARS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A summary of the recommendations from fiscal years June 30, 1995 and 1996 is as follows:

Status
N/A - See Finding #1
Not Implemented - Finding #2
Implemented
Implemented
Implemented
Implemented

SECTION III - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES - SEE FINDING #1

FINDING #4 - NURSING STUDENT LOAN (NSL) PROGRAM DELINQUENCY

The college is no longer making loans under the NSL program. However, the delinquency rate for the NSL program is still in excess of the 5% allowed by Health and Human Services Guidelines.

Recommendation

We recommend that the college continue its collection efforts.

FINDING #5 - ACCOUNTING FOR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

The college has a number of federal grants that are accounted for in separate funds. Many of these grants have a matching requirement, and not all of the matching expenditures are accounted for in within the same fund as the federal grant. In-kind matching requirements have not been recorded in the financial statements as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation

The college has met all of the matching requirements, however, for increased controls over the federal matching requirements. the college should record all in-kind matching amounts and record the expenditures used for matching in the same fund that the federal expenditures are recorded. Accounting for the federal grants and matching expenditures in the same fund will allow the federal financial reports to be reconciled more consistently to the general ledger.



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RESPONSES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

FINDING #1 - SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

RESPONSE: This finding results from low staffing levels. The College is aware of the situation.

FINDING #2 – NON-BUDGETED FUNDS EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS

RESPONSE: We will request our local County Attorney to research this matter and then to request a definition as to what constitutes a 'non-budgeted fund' from the Attorney General's office. If, in fact, we do have non-budgeted funds we will make every effort to comply with the finding.

FINDING #3 - SALE OF PROPERTY

RESPONSE: We will comply with the requirements of Section 20-6-604, M.C.A. when any property is disposed of in the future.

FINDING #4 – NURSING STUDENT LOAN (NSL) PROGRAM DELINQUENCY

RESPONSE: We are continuing our collection efforts. Our current delinquency rate of 5.77% (10/31/98) represents \$5,585 of the \$96,677 amount loaned and 12 individuals of the total of 161 students who benefited from this program.

FINDING #5 - ACCOUNTING FOR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

RESPONSE: The College is taking steps to comply with this finding. We will be in compliance for the next audit.





